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Weekly Views

From the Office of J. David Donahue, Commissioner

“The great leaders are like the best conductors—they reach beyond the notes to reach the magic in the players.”
~ Blaine Lee

Friday, June 27, 2008

Following Commissioner Donahue’s announcement of his departure, Governor Daniels named ISP Superintendent Ed Buss as the new Commissioner. Best wishes to Commissioner Donahue in his new endeavor and congratulations to Superintendent Buss!

Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility held a CLIFF graduation for 11 students that successfully completed the program. There have been a total of 101 graduates since the program’s inception in December 2005.

The Bill Glass ‘Weekend of Champions’ was held at the Plainfield Correctional Facility, and around 1,000 offenders participated. Former professional athletes and industry workers motivated offenders to make better lifestyle choices.

Wabash Valley Correctional Facility’s Inside Out Dads program recently held a Father’s Day Picnic where 51 offenders spent quality time with their children and enjoyed games, prizes, and food.

Director of Food Services John Schilling was recently awarded a scholarship by the American Correctional Food Service Association. The scholarship will be used for Mr. Schilling’s Continuing Education Hours for Certified Dietary Manager, Certified Food Protection Professional, and Certified Correctional Foodservice Professional credentialing.

A new wind turbine, which is a modern windmill, was recently set into place at Putnamville Correctional Facility.

Madison Correctional Facility held its third annual family day where over 1,000 people, including family members, offenders and community volunteers, enjoyed a full day of carnival-style games, along with a cookout/picnic lunch.

Westville Correctional Facility conducted its quarterly staff assembly this week. In addition to the distribution of special awards and recognition, staff were treated to a motivational presentation on suicide prevention by William Molton, a former officer and case manager at ISP who now works with the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility had 22 students graduate and receive their GED diplomas. 55 students have earned their GED for 2007-2008, and 7 have graduated with an honors diploma.

The Bill Glass Crusade was held at the Putnamville Correctional Facility. The Christian-based group gave testimonials and entertained offenders with juggling acts, motorcycles, and gospel music.

Approximately 50 members of the Transition from Prison to the Community Initiative (TPCI) team recently visited the Plainfield Re-Entry Educational Facility (PREF) for a tour. Superintendent Lloyd addressed the group and answered questions.

Correctional Industrial Facility and Ball State University held their 4th annual graduation, awarding degrees to 143 men. Staff and guests were in attendance.

Wabash Valley staff sponsored a series of events all week to help 21 employees impacted by recent flooding. Over \$1,200 was raised, and a large quantity of cleaning supplies was donated to help facility flood victims.

Rockville Correctional Facility recently hosted a Bill Glass Weekend of Champions. Over 40 volunteers and 6 platform artists visited the facility during the two-day program.

20 offenders and 2 officers from Edinburgh Correctional Facility continued to assist the storm relief in Morgan County.

The Indiana Women’s Prison’s Family Preservation Center conducted its 12th Annual One-Day Summer Camp where 43 offenders and approximately 80 children/grandchildren participated. The camp theme was “The Wild Wild West,” and activities were funded through community donations to the Family Preservation Program.

Pendleton Correctional Facility received 30 bikes donated through Bicycle Garage Indy for the Shifting Gears Program. This was a result of a BGI promotion the last few weeks.

Approximately 40 Emergency Response Personnel teams from around the Department participated in various events, such as a tug of war and obstacle course, during a competition held at the Correctional Industrial Facility.